

The Sternwhite family part 2

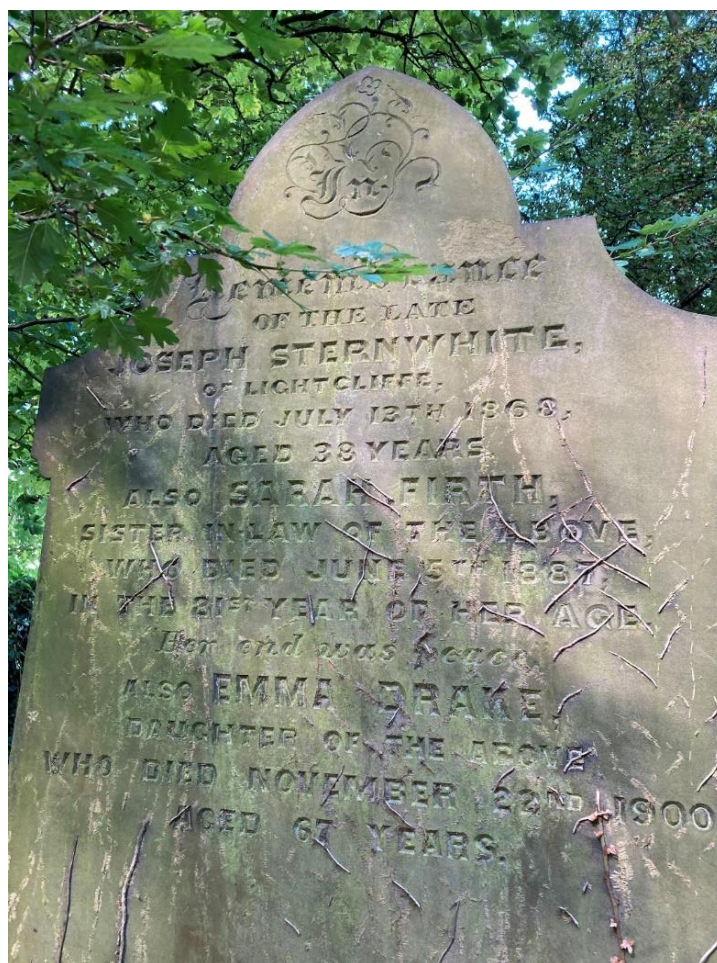
Continuing the story of the Sternwhites with Lightcliffe connections.

Shoemaker Joseph Sternwhite and his Manchester born wife Emma Sternwhite née Williamson had a daughter Lily baptised at St. Matthew's Church on 3rd December 1861, just before she died. The infant was buried in an unknown plot in Lightcliffe churchyard on 7th December 1861. And then her mother Emma died aged just 28 years. She too was buried in an unknown plot on 20th January 1863. Joseph Sternwhite then married Eliza Drake on 16th January 1865.

Not long after, his mother, the widow Ann / Nancy Sternwhite, died aged 72 years. As for her husband Samuel Sternwhite she was buried in an unknown plot on 23rd February 1866.

Joseph and his second wife Eliza did not have long together as he died on 12th July 1868. Three days later he was buried in Lightcliffe churchyard in plot S67 which eventually got the headstone below. His wife Eliza Sternwhite owned the plot. This no doubt explains why her sister Sarah Firth née Drake, baptised at St. Matthew's Church on 3rd March 1805, and then Sarah's daughter Emma Drake, also baptised there on 6th January 1833, were also buried there and named on the headstone.

Sarah and Eliza Drake were two of the many children of William and Martha Drake of Hill Top. Not surprisingly the Drake family have more Lightcliffe connections but their full story will have to wait.



Meanwhile his older brother William and his wife Susy had three more children. Sam born 19th December 1863 was baptised with his sister Fanny on 24th November 1867. John born 13th August 1867 was probably also baptised with his brother and sister although the record says 21st November 1867. And Alice born 6th March 1870 was baptised again at Brighthouse on 10th July 1870. Little John Sternwhite died on 3rd September 1868 and was buried three days later in Brighthouse.

By 1871 the only two Sternwhite households with Lightcliffe connections were those of uncle Edwin and his nephew William although as the youngest in one generation and then the eldest in the next they were born just six years apart.

1871 census

Edwin Sternwhite Head 54 Grocer
 Mary Sternwhite Wife 54
 Address 25 Cromwell Terrace, Halifax

Notice William Sternwhite's Oxford St. Hipperholme cum Brighthouse address near his brother Charles.

1871 census

William Sternwhite Head 48 Milk Dealer
 Susey Sternwhite Wife 41
 Fanny Sternwhite Dau 12 Scholar
 Sam Sternwhite Son 7 ditto
 Alice Sternwhite Dau 1
 Address
 13 Oxford St., Hipperholme cum Brighthouse

1881 census

Edwin Sternwhite Head 64 Tea Dealer
 Mary Sternwhite Wife 65
 Address 25 Cromwell Terrace, Halifax

Nothing much had changed by 1881 just everyone was 10 years older!

1881 census

William Sternwhite Head 58 Milk Dealer
 Susy Sternwhite Wife 51
 Fanny Sternwhite Dau 22 Silk Warper
 Sam Sternwhite Son 17 Milk Dealer's Assistant
 Alice Sternwhite Dau 11 Scholar
 Address
 18 Oxford St., Hipperholme with Brighthouse

Sixty-nine-year-old Edwin Sternwhite died in Halifax on 3rd March 1886. He was brought back to Lightcliffe for burial in plot S68, next to his nephew Joseph, on 9th March 1886.

There is a probate record. Edwin Sternwhite appears to have been a relatively successful Halifax grocer / tea dealer. His name appears on 1877 subscribers' list for the purchase of "Assembly Rooms for Halifax General Infirmary" and on an "Indian Famine Relief Fund".

The Will of Edwin Sternwhite late of 25 Cromwell-terrace Halifax in the County of York Gentleman who died 3 March 1886 at Halifax was proved in Wakefield by John Morris Brown of 37 Alconbury-road Upper Clapton in the County of Middlesex Insurance Clerk Charles Sternwhite of Brighthouse in the County of York Farmer the Nephew and Joseph Crowther of Halifax Grocer the Executors. Personal Estate £2,864 3s 7d

William and Susey's son, another Sam Sternwhite, married Norfolk born Mary Ann Solomon in Q3 1887. Their daughter Eva was born 28th December 1888.

1891 census

William Sternwhite Head 68 Retired milkman
Susy Sternwhite Wife 61
Alice Sternwhite Dau 21 Domestic servant
Address 4 Upper Oxford St., Hipperholme cum
Brighthouse

1891 census

Mary Sternwhite Head 72 Living on own means
Fanny Sternwhite Niece 32
Address 25 Cromwell Terrace, Halifax

1891 census

Sam Sternwhite Head 27
Dairyman & French polisher
Mary A Sternwhite Wife 20
Eva Sternwhite Dau 2
Address
15 Oxford St., Hipperholme cum Brighthouse

An interesting combination of occupations for Sam Sternwhite but that is what it says!

Not long after the census was taken, Mary Sternwhite née Carlton died. According to the headstone this was on 15th July 1891. However, the parish burial records state that the 76 year old – the 1891 census age is therefore wrong - died on 16th and was buried on 20th July 1891 with her husband Edwin in Lightcliffe plot S68.

Sam and Mary Ann Sternwhite had two more children, Susan born Q1 1892 and William born 19th August 1893. Four-year-old Susan was buried in Brighthouse on 28th January 1897.

When their paternal grandfather William Sternwhite died on 19th May 1896, he was buried in plot S68 of St. Matthew's churchyard on 2nd June 1896.

STERNWHITE William of Brighthouse Yorkshire milk dealer died 29 May 1896
Probate Wakefield 26 August to Susy Sternwhite widow Effects £22

1901 census

Susey Sternwhite Head 71 Living on own means
Fannie Sternwhite Dau 40 Dressmaker
Alice Sternwhite Dau 27
Bookkeeper at Clothier Shop
Julia Cronin Boarder 26 Teacher School
Address 4 Upper Oxford St, Brighthouse

1901 census

Sam Sternwhite Head 37 Milk Dealer
Mary A Sternwhite Wife 39
Eva Sternwhite Dau 12
William Sternwhite Son 7
Address
179 Broak Oak Terrace, Halifax Rd., Brighthouse

Just a few weeks after the census was taken 39-year-old Sam's wife, Mary Ann Sternwhite née Solomon died on 29th April 1901, she was buried in Brighthouse.

Alice Sternwhite who was mentioned at the start of this article married Edward Cordingley Q1 1903. He had an interesting up bringing as detailed in the write up about

The Bancroft family

Alice and Edward remained close to her Sternwhite family and lived in the area so they will continue to be followed.

Alice's mother Susey Sternwhite became the last occupant of Lightcliffe plot S68 on 18th March 1905. And so, the uncle and nephew, who were actually quite close in age, and their wives were buried together. The images below show the headstone before and after some ivy had been cleared. Unfortunately, the stone on the front face is deteriorating although you can still see that the first name on it is **EDWIN STERNWHITE**.



**IN MEMORY OF EDWIN STERNWHITE OF HALIFAX
BORN MAY 7TH 1816
FELL ASLEEP IN JESUS MARCH 3RD 1886**

**ALSO OF MARY WIFE OF THE ABOVE
BORN JULY 10TH 1815
FELL ASLEEP IN JESUS JULY 15TH 1891**

**ALSO OF WILLIAM STERNWHITE OF BRIGHOUSE
BORN MAY 24TH 1822
DIED MAY 29TH 1896**

**ALSO OF SUSEY HIS WIFE
BORN JANUARY 11TH 1830
DIED MARCH 15TH 1905**

STERNWHITE Susey of Brighouse Yorkshire widow died 15 March 1905 Probate Wakefield 27 June to Fanny Sternwhite spinster Sam Sternwhite milk-dealer and Alice Cordingley (wife of Edward Cordingley) Effects £422

1911 census

Fannie Sternwhite Head 52 Dressmaker
Address 4 Upper Oxford St., Brighouse

1911 census

Sam Sternwhite Head 47 Widower Purveyor of Milk
Eva Sternwhite Dau 22
Address 2 Broad Oak Place. Hove Edge, Lightcliffe

1911 census

Edward Cordingley Head 46 Boot & Shoe Maker
Alice Cordingley Wife 41
William Sternwhite Nephew 17 Student
Address 307 Halifax Rd., Lightcliffe

The student William Sternwhite became a teacher. He was an assistant master in three schools in Darlington, Co. Durham before the outbreak of WW1 during which he joined the Royal Navy on Tyneside. According to U.K Naval records he served on three ships before being invalided out on 5th December 1917.

Name		SEA SERVICE No.		TYNESIDE, 2/9212.	
Rating	O.S.	A.B.		Next of Kin	Father.
Date of Entry		15.4.16.		Name	S. Sternwhite,
Date of Birth		19.8.93.		Address	Hove Edge, Lightcliffe, HALIFAX.
Place of Birth				Height	5'6½".
Address		Hove Edge, Lightcliffe, HALIFAX.		Chest	1.37". D.35".
Previous Service				Complexion	Medium.
Religion		C.of E.		Colour of Hair	L.Brown.
Swim?		No.		Colour of Eyes	Brown.
Civil Employment		Teacher.		Marks, wounds and scars	4 vacc.l.ERM.
				Notes	Rec. for signals. Class A.71.

1921 census

Edward Cordingley Head 57 Boot & Shoe Maker Brighouse C.W.S. King St., Brighouse
Alice Cordingley Wife 51 Home Duties
Address Ivy House Farm, Brighouse, Yorkshire (West Riding), England

1921 census

Sam Sternwhite Head 57 Electrician Wireman Brooks Limited Chemical Manufrs
William Sternwhite Son 27 School Master Brighouse Education Authority
Fanny Sternwhite Sister 62 Home Duties -
Address Ivy House Farm, Brighouse, Yorkshire (West Riding), England

On 24th December 1921 the schoolmaster, William Sternwhite, married Anne Ward at St.Matthew's Church Lightcliffe.

West Yorkshire, England, Church of England Marriages and Banns, 1813-1935 for William Sternwhite								
Lightcliffe, St Matthew 1921								
1921. Marriage solemnized at <u>St. Matthews Church</u> in the <u>Parish</u>								
of <u>Lightcliffe</u> in the County of <u>York</u>								
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
25	December 24 th 1921	William Sternwhite	28	Bachelor	Schoolmaster	Ivy House Farm Hove Edge	Sam Sternwhite	Electrician
	1921	Annie Ward	28	Spinster	-	Ivy Cottage Baileff Bridge	William Ward	Head Purveyor
Married in the <u>Parish Church</u> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the <u>Established Church</u> by _____ of _____ after <u>ban</u> by me,								
This Marriage was solemnized between us, <u>William Sternwhite</u> in the Presence of us, <u>Annie Ward</u> <u>Thomas Personage</u> <u>Ed. d. Taylor</u>								

Fanny Sternwhite died on 20th November 1925. The parish burial records indicate that she was buried in Lightcliffe on 24th November 1925 but do not state where in the churchyard.

West Yorkshire, England, Church of England Deaths and Burials, 1813-1985 for Fanny Sternwhite				
Lightcliffe, St. Matthew > 1931				
1925 Fanny Sternwhite No. 545.	4 Upper Oxford Street Brighouse	North 24	66 years	81 J. M. S. Full

STERNWHITE Fanny of 4 Upper Oxford-street Brighouse Yorkshire spinster died 20 November 1925 Probate London 17 December to Sam Sternwhite electrician Alice Cordingley (wife of Edward Cordingley) and William Sternwhite school master. Effects £210 4s 1d

Her brother Sam Sternwhite was buried in Brighouse on 20th May 1930.

STERNWHITE Sam of Ivy House Farm Hove Edge Brighouse Yorkshire died 26 May 1930 Probate London 17 June to William Sternwhite schoolmaster and Alice Cordingley (wife of Edward Cordingley). Effects £660 1s 6d

The remaining family were at these addresses in 1939.

1939 register

Edward Cordingley	19 Apr 1864	Boot Repairer- Retired	Married	84	1
Alice Cordingley	06 Mar 1870	Unpaid Domestic Duties	Married	84	2

Address Ivy House Farm Halifax Road, Brighouse, Brighouse M.B., Yorkshire (West Riding), England

1939 register

William Sternwhite	19 Aug 1893	Male	School Master (Head)	Married	6	1
Annie Sternwhite	06 Apr 1893	Female	Unpaid Domestic Duties	Married	6	2

Address 79 St Enoch's Road, Bradford, Bradford C.B., Yorkshire (West Riding), England

Edward Cordingley, the wife of Alice Cordingley née Sternwhite, died on 24th October 1941 aged 77 years. He was buried in plot K34 in St. Matthew's churchyard on 28th October 1941. This plot is quite close to his father's Cordingley plot L37 but unfortunately it has no headstone. His widow, seventy-four-year-old Alice joined him in plot K34 - not R34 as mis transcribed - on 26th April 1944. These occupants of Ivy House Farm had probate records, in fact Alice had two.

CORDINGLEY Edward of Ivy House Farm Hove Edge Yorkshire died 24 October 1941 Probate Wakefield 4 February [1942] to Alice Cordingley widow William Sternwhite schoolmaster and John Westman transport driver. Effects £994 14s 6d Resworn £1294 14s 6d.

CORDINGLEY Alice of Ivy House Farm Hove Edge Brighouse Yorkshire widow died 23 April 1944 Probate (save and except settled land) Wakefield 6 July to William Sternwhite school master and Eva Steward (wife of Arthur Richard Seward). Effects £383 10 5d

????? Grant (R to S.L) 30th August 1946

CORDINGLEY Alice of Ivy House Farm Hove Edge Brighouse Yorkshire widow died 23 April 1944 Probate (limited to settled land) Wakefield 30 August [1946] to William Sternwhite schoolmaster and John Westman transport driver. Effects £1250.

Former Grant D.R. Wakefield 6 July 1944.

By the 1950s the former resident of Ivy House Farm, William Sternwhite was the head teacher of Linton Camp Residential School, Bradford. His previous schools are listed on the certificate below. On retirement he must have moved to the Lancaster district where he died Q3 1973.

TEACHERS REGISTRATION COUNCIL

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TEACHING PROFESSION
(Established by Act of Parliament and Constituted by Orders in Council).

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Register Entry concerning: STERNWHITE, WILLIAM.

Date of Registration: 1st March, 1921. Register Number: 67261

Professional Address: Cathedral Mixed School,
BRADFORD, Yorks.

Attainments:

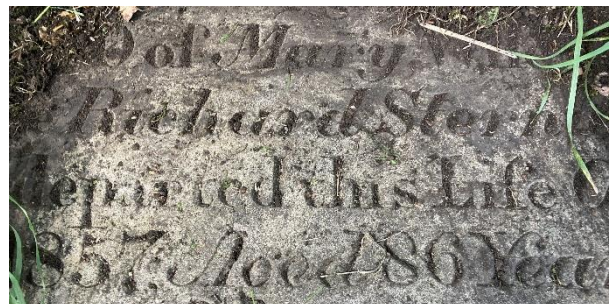
Board of Education Certificate.
Royal Navy Course in:- Electricity and Magnetism,
Mechanics and Navigation.

Training in Teaching: Diocesan Training College, York.

Experience: Assistant Master -
St. John's Mixed School, Darlington, 1914;
Reid Street Council School, Darlington, 1915;
Higher Elementary School, Darlington, 1915;
(War Service 1915-1918)
Scholes National School, Cleckheaton, 1918-1919;
St. Andrew's Boys' School, Brighouse, 1919-1926;
St. Stephen's Mixed School, Bradford, 1926-1928;
Head Master -
Cathedral Mixed School, Bradford, 1928 -



This concludes the story of the Starnwhites / Sternwhites which began with the long inscription on the early Starnwhite ledger stone (below left). Then another Sternwhite ledger stone (below right) has its memorial inscription partly covered up now. Other Sternwhites have unknown final resting places or at least known ones with no headstone. But if you look carefully to the left of the green path nearing the end of the middle section in the churchyard you will find the above two Sternwhite family headstones standing next to one another.



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